

Friends of Point Pelee provide guided birding hikes throughout the Festival of Birds at Point Pelee National Park of Canada. Proceeds from hikes support the Friends of Point Pelee and Point Pelee National Park. This submitted report is a service of the FoPP Hike Leaders.

May 4, 2009

Cooler, slightly windier weather didn't stop new birds from being reported this morning. A male HOODED WARBLER put on a show near the tip this morning. Also spotted in the area were SCARLET TANAGER, YELLOW-THROATED VIREO, WHITE-EYED VIREO, BLUE-WINGED WARBLER, PINE WARBLER, BLACK-THROATED BLUE-WARBLER, PINE SISKIN, and RED-HEADED WOODPECKER. At the very tip 2 LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULLS were observed (1 1st basic, 1 3rd alternate). Offshore, 2 SURF SCOTERS flew by and a single COMMON GOLDENEYE was also spotted. Closer to the tip train spot, a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (same as before?) was reported again. Moving further north a PEREGRINE FALCON was reported along the west beach and a BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER was written in the book north of the "Sparrow Field".

Two PROTONOTARY WARBLERS were once again reported from Woodland nature Trail; one at the southernmost boardwalk and the other at the "north" bridge.

Twenty-seven (27) AVOCET were reported yesterday from Wheatley Harbour. Two (2) SANDHILL CRANES were observed at the end of Shuster Trail.

And yes, the GRASSHOPPER SPARROW continues to delight birdwatchers. It is present by the Prickly Pear Cactus display opposite the front door of the Visitor Centre.

Good Birding,

Hike Leaders Pete, Karl, Dave, Justin, Todd and Mary Anne

FESTIVAL OF BIRDS MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 18, 2009

Join us for the 5th Annual Fundraising Dinner

Friday May 8th, 2009 @ 5:30 PM

Pelee Days Inn- \$60 per person (\$25 tax receipt)

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Presentation-Journey to the land of Subarctic Shorebirds,

Take a virtual journey to James Bay's Akimiski Island and discover

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Expert and photographer **Jean Iron.**